1282. Apart from the appointments for which selections were made by the Commission after interview, 336 vacancies were advertised. Two thousand and sixty-five applications from eligible candidates were forwarded to the Unit Officers detaining those of ineligible candidates.

1283. Five hundred and sixty-five posts in Gazetted, Upper Subordinate and Subordinate Services were advertised for which 4,340 applications were received and 1,998 candidates were interviewed and 449 were selected by the Commission. The remaining posts were re-advertised on account of paucity of qualified and suitable candidates

1284. The response was poor in respect of the posts of Tamil Shorthand Reporters, Lecturer in Civil Engineering, Survey Instructor, Glass Blower, Lecturers in Medical College and School, Lecturer in Mathematics, Proof Reader, Kannada Publication Committee, Librarian, Central College, Leather Expert, Assistant Traffic Supervisor, Mysore Government Road Transport Department, Spinning Shed Supervisor, Raw Material, Store Keeper and I Division Mapper.

1285. The proposal for the transfer of the work of the Mysore Local Service and Pleaders' Examination Board to the Public Service Commission was still under the consideration of Government.

(viii) Efficiency Audit.

1286. Eighty-nine regular inspections of offices were conducted by the Efficiency Audit Department, including the Office of the Commissioner of Transport, six Offices of the Regional Transport Authorities, three District Excise Offices, ten Sub-Division Offices, 21 Taluk Offices, seven Public Works Division Offices, seven Forest Division Offices, seven Sales Tax offices, five Agricultural Offices, three District Education Offices and the Office of the Peshkars of the Mysore Charities at Thirupathi and Benares.

1287. Fifty surprise inspections mostly of Sub-Registry Offices and taluk Treasuries were also conducted.

1288. Inspection notes of the above offices were sent to the concerned Heads of Departments and the Deputy Commissioners of Districts and the concerned officers for adopting suitable remedial measures.

1289. Some of the defects set right were—

1. To revise the prevailing practice of closing darkhast currents prior to the issue of Saguvali chits and before the recovery of the stipulated upset price, malki and the bandh charges, as it was found that this system which was being followed with a view to minimise the heavy pendency figures of darkhasts had the detrimental effect of losing tract of the realisation of the legitimate demands due to Government. The Revenue Commissioner issued a revised circular to eliminate these inherent defects.

2. On an inspection of the several offices of the Regional Transport Authorities, a number of cases of short recovery of Motor Vehicles Taxes, irregular grants of refunds and negligence in the matter of recovery of mileage cess at enhanced rates in respect of tarred and cement-concreted roads came to light and persistent efforts were made by the Department to obtain up-to-date information of the mileages under tarred and cement roads in each district to get revised demands booked and recovered under mileage cess from a large number of Stage coaches and lorries at the enhanced rates. A periodical return from the Public Works Department officers to the District Magistrates was prescribed. There has been an additional revenue of Rs. 15,997 per quarter on this account.

1290. The Efficiency Audit Branch assisted the Anti-Corruption Branch in its investigations against the several pharmaceutical firms in Bangalore.

1291. As a result of investigations into irregularities noticed in audit, one Assistant Engineer was reduced by one increment, four Amildars were censured and warned and the increment of an Assistant Engineer was postponed by one year.

1292. Two Revenue Inspectors were reverted to the ministerial line and one of them was required to make good Rs. 207-5-0, the next increment of a clerk was deferred, a sum of Rs. 456-5-0 was ordered to be recovered from an Inspector of Co-operative Societies, one

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Agricultural Inspector was reduced from Rs. 110 to Rs. 95 and one Head Accountant was warned.

(ix) Anti-Corruption.

1293. At the commencement of the year enquiries were pending in respect of 391 petitions. One thousand four hundred and seventy-three fresh petitions were received, of which 716 petitions containing allegations of a general and less serious nature were referred to the Heads of Departments or concerned officers for necessary action. Among the other petitions examined or enquired into the allegations made in 488 cases were found to be false or incapable of proof and enquiries in respect of 51 cases in which the allegations were substantiated resulted in punishments of the following:—

Total number of Gazetted officers punished or warned ...	...	...	16
Total number of non-gazetted officers		...	47
Number of officers dismissed	...	...	8
Do	retired compulsorily	...	5
Do	reduced or reverted	...	19
Do	whose increment was stopped	...	6
Do	warned or censured	...	7

1294. A sum of Rs. 1,200 was ordered to be recovered from the Secretary and six Assistant Surgeons of the S.D.S. Sanatorium, Bangalore.

1295. A sum of Rs. 4,626-15-0 was ordered to be recovered from a former Chief Engineer, one Special Chief Engineer, two Superintending Engineers and four Assistant Engineers of Tumkur District.

1296. Traps were successfully arranged in respect of two Police Daffedars, one V.P. Sub-overseer and one V. P. clerk and one clerk of the Education Department on reciept of information that they were demanding illegal gratification in connection with their official business. The first four were prosecuted before the Court of Law.

1297. Raids and surprise checks were conducted in several places and the offenders were punished.